

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

consideration of

renewal of an NPDES permit,

for

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

CAMINO LUMBER MILL

EL DORADO COUNTY

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) owns and operates the Camino Lumber Mill located in the community of Camino. The lumber mill is a small log sawmill that produces framing lumber and 4/4 boards. Logs delivered to the lumber mill are stacked and kept wet by a sprinkler system before processing. Excess water applied to the log decks flows in open trenches to a wastewater control structure. Wastewater can be recirculated to the log decks from the wastewater control structure. The treatment system consists of three storage ponds, a filtration system, a spray irrigation system, and a linear storage pond. The facility generates two principal waste streams, log deck process wastewater, and boiler/dry kiln wastewater. Intermittent discharges of commingled process wastewater and storm water are discharged from the site to a tributary of North Canyon Creek tributary to the South Fork of the America.

The Regional Board will consider renewal of the Discharger's NPDES Permit CA0078841, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-114. Significant changes from the previous permit include implementation of Federal Regulations for lumber processing facilities, improvements to land disposal practices, groundwater monitoring, a more definitive monitoring and reporting program, and an updated aluminum effluent limitation.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 2 and 3 December 2004
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Board Office, Rancho Cordova

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Staff of Sierra Pacific Industries

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than 19 November 2004. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **25 October 2004**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **25 October 2004** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed item should contact Richard McHenry at (916) 464-4655. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative/>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

KENNETH D. LANDAU
Assistant Executive Officer

23 September 2004